

REMARKS

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2005. By this Response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7 and 15. Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 9-11, 13-16 and 18-22 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 7 and 15 being independent claims. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and following remarks is courteously requested. Although no fee is believed to be required by this response, please consider this as a petition for any extension of time and/or as authorization to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fees as may be required to consider this Response and/or to prevent abandonment of this application.

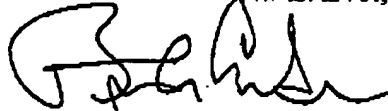
The amendments submitted herein restore previously-pending language to claims 1, 7 and 15. Before Applicant's response on October 26, 2004, these claims recited that the server contained software code that was "based upon" executable code used in an actual aircraft component (e.g. a flight management system). This feature is described in the original specification and claims at pages 12-13 and elsewhere. Applicant previously removed the "based upon" language from the claims in hopes of obtaining allowance for narrower language that required the server portion to incorporate software code that was itself used in an actual aircraft component. That language was not allowed, and Applicant now wishes to restore the broader, previously-pending language before instituting an Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the present amendment to place the claims in better condition for Appeal.

The amended claims no longer require that the server incorporate software code used in an actual aircraft component. To the contrary, the amended claims simply require that the software code used in the server be "based upon" code used in an actual aircraft component without regard to whether the server code is itself used in an actual aircraft component. The present amendments are therefore broadening in scope, and are not made for purposes related to patentability. The present amendments therefore do not surrender any legal equivalents that would otherwise be available.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of assignee

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